ferred to a private firm without refer- ence to the Government;

(c) whether Hindustan Minerals Ltd. (Haryana State Government Agency) requested the Union Government for the lea3e of concession at Aangpur and Pali of Haryana; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for rejecting the application of the Hindustan Minerals Ltd. to State Government agency?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR); (a) to (d) Information i* being collected from the State Gov. ernment and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Provident Fund Arrears

480. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of LABOUR, be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Provident Fund arrears have considerably increased during the past few years.

(b) if so, what are the details of the arrears of provident fund since 1986 till December, 1988;

(c) whether any action has been taken against defaulting employers;

(d) what are the names of employers against whom legal proceedings have been taken to recover the provi. dent fund dues; and

(e) the names of these defaulting employers who have been convicted during 1988?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUfY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF* FAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The absolute amount of arrears have somewhat increased.

(b) The details of arrears are as given below:—

	As on 31st March	Amount of arrears (Rs. in crores)
Unexempted Establish - ments	1986	58.30
	1987	71.97
	1988	78.74
Exempted Establish- ments	1986	84.24
	1987	98.51
	1988	111.43

(c) and (d) During the year 1987-88, the following action was taken:-,

(i) 20,183 avenue recovery certificates were issuei under Section 8 of the EPF Act.

(ii) 12,515 prosecutions were filed under section 14 of the 'EPF Act.

(iii) 865 complaints were filed with the police authorities under Section 406/403 of the Indian Penal Code for non-payment of employees share of contributions deducted from the wages of the employees.

(iv) Damages under Section 14 B of the EPF Act were levied in over 13,000 cases.

(e) During the year 1987-88, 4,289 prosecution cases had resulted in conviction of the accused. The information egarding the names of the convicted employers is maintained regionally in the offices of the Region, al Provident Fund Commissioner, and not centrally.